the existing treaty with Germany be allowed to lapse on June 5, 1917, and said that the Portuguese government was prepared for all eventualities that might arise from the exercise by Portugal of her rights.

The Premier said that the government's action in requisitioning the vessels had been prompted by the necessities of the nation's economic situation. The requisition, he said, had been carried out simultaneously to forestall attempts at wilful damage of the ships.

The explosive apparatus found on the Billow would have caused an explosion when the vessel moved. An explosion was prevented, but the machinery was damaged.

for Urging Men Not to Enlist.

secretary of the Women's Anti-Con-

London, Feb. 26.-Mrs. Nellie Best,

Fierce Attack on President for U-Boat Stand Resented by Chicagoans.

## NEUTRAL VOTE ONLY FOR A PRO-GERMAN

Editor Says Candidate Must Favor Submarine Warfare-Denounces T. R.

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## AMERICA'S CONQUEST. GERMAN NAVAL DREAM say

Officers Picture Fate of U. S. if

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General Kuropatkin, who was com-ander in chief of the Russian forces a Manchuria at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese War, succeeds General Aicholas V. Ruzsky, who was relieved the command on the Russian north-

VERDUN, OBJECTIVE OF CROWN PRINCE'S GREAT DRIVE.



Verdun, on the Meuse, is the strongest of the fortresses that guard France on the east. It was captured by the Germans during the Franco-Prussian War and later regained by the French.

# FRENCH RETAKE FORT DOUAUMONT

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position, which we captured on February 12." says the German statement.
"They succeeded in penetrating our first line trenches over a width of about 250 yards." ists of hostile nations and of other aliens regarded as hostile to Allied interests.

In well informed circles here it is believed there will be no abatement of this policy.

French Active in Champagne.

"In Champagne," says the French atement, "we completely repulsed an attack by the enemy against a salient carried by us to the south of Ste. Marie-a-Py. The total number of pris-oners taken by us in this affair has reached \$40, of whom nine are officers and thirty-six non-commissioned of-ficers." The aviators, too, have been active.

Paris says:
"To-day in the region of Verdun Ad-

by this pilot. The enemy machines left in our lines. Two aviators manning them were killed, while two others were made prisoners.

"On the same day one of our squadrons, composed of nine bombing aeroplanes, dropped 144 shells on the Sablon railway station at Metz. Another of our squadrons bombarded the enemy establishments at Chambley, northwest of Ponta Moussen."

The earlier statement issued at Paris

icture Fate of U. S. if bitterly in the region north of Verdun, where the enemy continues his efforts on the front to the east of the Meuse. After the last engagement our troops retained their positions, in spite of the repeated as suits of the enemy, which no longer counts his sacrifices. "In the region of Beaumont the batter, whose views, in official, whose views, in official views, in offi

# Carries Espagne's Passengers.

The French liner Lafayette sailed yesterday for Bordeaux, carrying the tom. on front D sember 20 last. The Rus-laid up for repairs, but which will sail had up for repairs, but which will salt the first passengers and freight. Monday with passengers and freight. Monday with passengers and freight. Under the company's new rules no one except those who had booked passage borded as holding various commands to detect the pier yesterday. One the many and that of Lieutenant forces he was appointed chief of the many free abourd.

German Admiral Dead.

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### SEIZURES BY CRUISER STIR U. S. AND JAPAN Page Sifts China Case—Baron greed upon to-day by veteran Demo-

tions from Washington, Ambassador the bombardment cast and to the west of place, asked B. the Meuse. To these attacks of the the New York ceremy our troops have replied by country to the removal, by men from the Britattacks carried out with vigor at ish converted cruiser Laurentic, of various points assailed on our thirty-eight Germans, Austrians and

### SEEKS OBJECTS OF ALLIES

P. to Ask Asquith What Rewards Britain Has Promised Partners.

London, Feb. 26. - Philip Snowden, Socialist member of the House of mmons from Blackburn, has given ice that he will ask Premier Asquith Tuesday whether the British govthe way of guarantees, territorial co

# CONGRESS AWAITS GERMANY'S MOVE

London, Feb. 26.—The Tribune cor-respondent is informed that the state-ment that first class mail aboard the New York bound steamer Stockholm was seized is entirely incorrect. Only the parcel mail was removed for exam-ination, in accordance with present cusination, in accordance with present cut-tom. The remainder was not interfered

German Admiral Dead.

# FLAVELLE ASSAILANT GUILTY PORTUGAL WOULD **BERLIN ANSWERS** GERARD CRITICISM

Says English Distorted Ambassador's Report on Prison Camps.

ADMITS OFFICERS

Conditions Have Now Been Remedied, Says German War Minister.

Berlin, Feb. 26.-The Prussian War Minister to-day handed to James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, a long communication, in which reply is made to the ambassador's report of November 8 regarding were reported sunk to-day. Only the the Wittenberg prison camp. The reply captain and two of the Dido's crew

German high military authorities there has been considerable loss of life. declares that Mr. Gerard had commu-War Ministry through John B. Jackson who investigated prison camp condia substitute resolution on the revolu-tionists which will put them in the position of voting on the specific questions for the embassy. Mr. Gerard, it is said, received assurance that the

The communication points out that crats who have been working to gain control of the situation. The Adam-son resolution, which will be ready for introduction as a substitute, is as folwhile Mr. Gerard reported that the accommodations and fare of the prisoncamps, reports in the English press, While it is obviously foolish and allegedly based on the ambassador's statements, represented conditions at Wittenberg as extraordinarily unsatisfactory, characterizing the camp as

It is admitted that police dogs are

sal war, yet we have unbounded connidence in the ability and integrity of the President of the United States, whose constitutional duty it is to conduct all diplomatic business and look after all the foreign affairs of this government, and we recognize his constitutional power and affirm our confidence in his ability and integrity to discharge his responsibility in the premises." used at Wittenberg, but it is said they are employed for guard duty at night the dogs, the ministry says that if this

murder, then there are many of us who want to go on record to the contrary—who would covet the distinction of refusing to follow any such leader—ship."

grettable misunderstanding had occurred, the German officer having exceeded his powers. The English surgeon in question has declared that the matter has been adjusted satisfactor—ship." rights as against threatened maritime grettable

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Tailored Frocks

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Four of our buyers have been making

the selections and report an assemblage that will establish an epoch

in fashion exhibitions in America.

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Fifth Avenue, at Fifty-Second Street

found guilty yesterday at Arezzo of murderous assault against Mrs. Mary Flavelle, of Chicago, in a railroad train between Florence and Arezzo, on May 21, 1914, for the purpose of robbery. He was sentenced to eight years and four months' imprisonment and to two

Robber Who Attacked American Woman on Train in Italy Gets Eight Years.

Rome, Feb. 26.-Pietro Rossi was

Mrs. Flavelle returned to the United States following the attack and died in Chicago on December 11, 1914.

Heavy Loss of Life Feared on

Wilson Liner Dido.

have been rescued, and it is feared

SUNK DURING DAY

FOUR BRITISH SHIPS

years' special surveillance by the po-lice and to perpetual interdiction from public service.

The jury found that Rossi's act was unpremeditated and that he was only partly responsible for his actions, be-ing not wholly sound of mind. OVERRODE BOUNDS

conditions criticised would be remedied.

### Admit Use of Police Dogs.

Members of the House have expressed complete satisfaction in the strategy of the substitute, as it will put any recalcitrant Democrats immediately on record as being opposed to the President.

Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, an administration leader, issued a statement bitterly denouncing the revolt. In it he said:

"This is no party question. It is an American question. But if there is real foundation for the wellnight incredible assertion that the Democratic side of the House of Representatives."

be true, the victims themselves were responsible, since they were surprise. The support of a comparison with a highly and president sent part of the sentry and elimber. Reply is made to Mr. Gerard's criticism of sanitary conditions by referring to the report of a commission of American physicians under Dr. Gladwell which investigated the camp on November 20 and praised its sanitary and hygienic equipment.

Ambassador Gerard's statement that a British army surgeon had been beat on by a German non-commissioned of the Monistry investigated by the Ministry responsible, since they were surprise.

# Stern Brothers Women's Ready-to-Wear Sections

On the Third Floor, are replete with

Maintenance of Treaties

Impossible—All Ships

To Be Seized.

Paris, Feb. 26.- A Lisbon dispatch

tioning of German and Austrian ships

the ports of Portugal and her colonies.

There are thirty-seven at Lisbon and

received reply to its notification made | impose | Wher

to "Le Temps" says that the requisi- WOMAN, FOE OF WAR, JAILED

has been extended to all those lying in Sentenced Six Months by London Court

The "Seculo," of Lisbon, says that if scriptionist League, was sentenced to-

the German government wishes to see day to six months' imprisonment in the

in Portugal's action a tacit denuncia- Westminster police court for circulat

Germany and Portugal no one in Por- The scenes in court were reminiscent of

When asked whether she was represented by counsel, Mrs. Best said: "I am defended by the Lord. Who told us not to kill." She continued: "I have been responsible for keeping hundreds of lads from recruiting into the trade of war, and each night I have been found on the steamship Bülow, of the North German Lloyd Company. The Premier added that he considered it in the best interests of Portugal that

New Spring Costumes for Street, Afternoon, Evening and Sport Wear.

THE TAILORED SUITS are entirely charming in both style and coloring, and are being shown in the new silks and woolen fabries, among which the checks and plaids are very conspicuous.

THE WOMEN'S DRESSES are here for all occasions, ranging from the simplest Cotton Frock to the most elaborate Evening Gown, all smartly conveying the new vogue, both in line and fabric.

THE FOLLOWING FOR TO-MORROW, ARE TYPICAL OF THE SPLENDID VALUES FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STOCK.

Women's Tailored Suits

Six entirely new models; of Taffeta, Gabardines, Serges, Callot and Velour Checks

at \$27.50 and 34.50

Women's Afternoon Dresses of Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, Gros de Londres,

Charmeusette and Georgette Crepe,

at \$22.50 and 35.00

# Handkerchiefs

AT SPECIAL PRICES, MONDAY:

Women's Handkerchiefs pure linen; emb'd corners, values 25c and 50c each, at 19c and 35c

Women's Handkerchiefs pure linen; wreath initial, values \$1.50 and 3.00 doz. at \$1.10 and 1.95

Women's Handkerchiefs pure linen; hemstitched; values \$1.50 and 2.25 doz. at \$1.10 and 1.75

# The Dress Goods Sections

(On the Second Floor)

Are now displaying very complete lines of

Foreign and American Woolen Dress Fabrics and Coatings,

and are featuring several new weaves, in the fashionable colorings, used extensively in the model garments at the late Paris openings.

Included are Wool Jersey in stripes and plain colors; Poiret and Tricot Twill Gabardines, Silk and Cashmere Velours, Homespuns, Cheviots, Tweeds, Mixtures, Velour de Laine and Suede Cloths in Novelty Stripes, Plaids, Checks and Plain Colors,

AT POPULAR MODERATE PRICES.

# American Made Rugs and Carpets

Worth while economies will be offered To-morrow and Tuesday, the last days of the February Sale.

Axminster & Wilton

Artistic Plain Rugs Shaded borders; in Chenille, Axminster, Reversible Smyrna, Wilton, etc.,

From 18x34 ins. at \$1.60 To 12x15 feet .. at 64.50

Carpets

from the foremost makers, \$1.75 to 3.10 yard Worsted Wilton Rugs in Oriental designs and colorings of very high

From 27x54 ins. at \$3.75 To 101/2x131/2 ft at 65.00

decorative merit,

Inlaid Linoleum (in wood and tile effects), at \$1.10, 1.35 and 1.65 sq. yd.

# Large Reductions on Furniture

Will be available during the last two days of the February Sale, of which the following Odd Suites and Pieces are notable examples:

LIBRARY, LIVING & DINING ROOM

Mahogany Bookcases, \$33.00 to \$80.00 Formerly \$45.00 to 110.00

Mahogany Library Tables, \$28.50 to 37.50 Formerly \$35.00 to 52.00 Wing Chairs ...... at \$22.50 to 37.50 Formerly \$27.50 to 45.00

Mahogany Writing Desks at \$18 to 28.50 Inlaid; formerly \$28.00 to 38.50

Living Room Suites at \$112.00 to 225.00

2 pcs.; in tapestries and velours; formerly from \$168.00 to 260.00 Mahogany Dining Room Suite, at \$225.00 10 pieces; formerly \$337.00

Mahogany Dining Room Suites, \$175, \$295 10 pcs.; formerly \$334.00 and 470.00

# BEDROOM FURNITURE

Mahogany Bureaus, .... at \$28.75 to 58.00 Formerly \$45.00 to 90.00

Antique Ivory Bureaus, \$40.00 to 80.00 Formerly \$72.00 to 125.00

Circassian Walnut Suites, \$125,00 to \$275 4 pes.; formerly \$157.00 to \$40.00

Sheraton Mahogany Suites, .... at \$229.00 5 pieces; formerly \$803.00

Primavera Mahogany Suites,...at \$185.00 5 pieces; formerly \$325.00

Antique Ivory Bedsteads, \$16.50 to 30.00

Formerly \$38.50 to 70.00

Antique Ivory Suites, ..... at \$375.00 5 pieces; formerly \$495.00